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SUBJ: GOP REQUEST FOR US SUPPORT FOR REELECTION

TO FAO COUNCIL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATING THAT PAKISTAN HAS DECIDED TO SEEK REELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) FROM THE ASIA AND FAR EAST REGION AT ELECTION TO BE HELD NOV., 1975 IN ROME. NOTE REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S CANDIDATURE. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS DECIDED TO SEEK REELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) FROM THE ASIA AND FAR EAST REGION AT THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD DURING THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE IN ROME IN NOVEMBER 1975.

3. PAKISTAN, AS A PREDOMINANTLY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPING COUNTRY, HAS A VITAL INTEREST IN THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE FAO. DURING ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE FAO COUNCIL, UNCLASSIFIED

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PAKISTAN HAS PARTICIPATED CONSTRUCTIVELY AND POSITIVELY IN

THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TO FOSTERING COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING CONDUCIVE TO FURTHERING THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. FURTHERMORE, PAKISTAN HAS ALWAYS TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE GAINED BY IT, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO LEARN FROM THE EFFORTS MADE BY THEM TO ACCELERATE THEIR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. PAKISTAN HAS ALSO EXTENDED ITS ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION, WHENEVER REQUIRED, TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN AGRICULTURE.

4. PAKISTAN HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE WORK OF THE VARIOUS STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FAO COUNCIL. ITS MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMS HAS ALSO ENABLED IT TO MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE FAO. MOREOVER, DUE TO ITS SPECIAL GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, PAKISTAN HAS BEEN TAKING A KEEN INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN BOTH THE ASIA AND THE FAR EAST REGION AND THE NEAR EAST REGION OF THE FAO. LATELY, PAKISTAN PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART DURING THE PREPARATORY WORK OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND IN THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IN ENSURING THAT FAO'S ROLE - PAST AND FUTURE - IN THE MATTERS CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE WAS NOT OVERLOOKED, AS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, PAKISTAN WILL ENDEAVOUR TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW IMPETUS GIVEN TO FAO BY THE CONFERENCE IS MAINTAINED AND ITS ACTIVITIES STRENGTHENED.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN BELIEVES THAT IF GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AGAIN ON THE FAO COUNCIL IT WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY A MODERATING AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE FAO AND, IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION AMONG THE MEMBER COUNTRIES IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT FACE THE ORGANIZATION AS A RESULT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN SINCERELY HOPES THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONSIDERATION OUTLINED ABOVE, AS WELL AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL EXTEND ITS VALUABLE SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN'S CANDIDATURE FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE FAO. END TEXT.
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